Chief Ministers Conference on Streamlining the Bail Provisions

1156. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers in a Conference held on 13.11.1992 at New Delhi had adopted a proposal to streamline the bail provisions to reduce the overcrowding in the jails;

(b) If so, whether Government have taken any action on that proposal and whether the relevant laws been amended; if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the laws likely to be amended;

(c) whether the District Courts were pulled up by the Additional Sessions Court in Delhi recently for not bailing out people; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May 1994, provides for liberalisation of bail provisions.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected.

Anti-Graft Drive Against Traffic Policemen in the Capital

1157. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated anti-graft drive against the traffic policemen in the Capital;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against those found involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the information received from the Delhi Police, 22 Traffic Police personnel were found involved in malpractices during the anti-graft drive conducted by the Vigilance Branch during the year 1995. Departmental inquiries have been initiated in all these cases.

Production and export of Handloom and Handicrafts from Orissa

1158. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to increase the production and export of Handlooms and Handicrafts;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction in Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken in that regard in other States?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The steps taken in Orissa and other States for increase in production of Handlooms & Handicrafts inter-alia relate to design development, product adaptation, marketing support, publicity and advertisement, research and development, etc. The steps taken to increase the export of Handlooms & Handicrafts in Orissa and other States inter-alia include design/product development, trade information, market research quality improvement, value addition, participation in Buyers/Sellers Meets and Fairs/Exhibitions abroad etc.

भारत बंगलादेश संधि

1159. श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत और बंगलादेश के मध्य 1971 में हस्ताक्षरित संधि की अवधि समाप्त होने वाली है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उक्त संधि का नवीकरण करने के लिए कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या बंगलादेश ने इस संधि के बारे में अपने विचार व्यक्त किए हैं; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा भारत बंगला देश संबंधों की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और दोनों देशों के मध्य संबंधों को और प्रगाढ़ बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

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